

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Roy D. Dukes upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Roy D. Dukes, who has devoted more than 40 years to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; on March 19, 2005, Mr. Dukes will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools and athletics; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Mr. Dukes began his career teaching and coaching both basketball and football as a member of the faculty at Townsend High School; he later taught and coached at Jones High School and Connelly Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, known for his dedication and character, he was promoted to Assistant Principal of Marshall County High School in 1975, where he served diligently for nine years in that position, until his promotion to Principal of the school in 1984; and

WHEREAS, his reputation for just and competent service warranted his being selected to serve as Director of Accountability for the Marshall County Board of Education in 1993, a position he maintained until his 1999 appointment as the Assistant Director of Schools for the Marshall County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his laudable and continued service as Assistant Director of Schools, Mr. Dukes found time to share his time and talents as a member of several Southern Association Evaluation Teams, as a Tennessee Education Association Committee Member, and as past President of the Marshall County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as an administrator, he served honorably as a TSSAA Basketball and football official for seventeen years, from 1967 to 1984, during which time he officiated two TSSAA State tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dukes has received many awards and accolades in his years as an administrator and athletic official including the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award and the 2004 NAACP George Turner Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the Marshall County community, Mr. Dukes has been supported by his loving wife, Louise, and his two children, Cedric and Landon throughout his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Roy D. Dukes has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Roy Dukes, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in moulding the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Roy D. Dukes in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Dukes for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the education community of Tennessee, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

